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for the most part a superfluous evil, nomenclature is, to be sure, necessary, while the system represents a tangible scientific result capable of improvement.

The application of these principles has for its consequence changes of the system, and the latter is accordingly in process of transformation. For this reason the elaborations of the several families do not at first appear in systematic order. Each individual elaboration is a unit by itself, is separately paged and separately indexed.

This important work promises well as the harbinger of a new era in systematic bryology. And it well deserves the systematic support of all moss students.

The first volume, *Grimmiaceae*, by Leopold Loeske, is ready. It is a volume of 250 pages, has numerous illustrations, all (or mostly) original. Price, 18 Marks. The work appears in Numbers (Lieferungen), at 5 Marks each. Any number or part may be bought separately. Address, Max Lande, Berlin-Schöneberg, Mühlenstr. 8, Germany.

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### SHORTER NOTES

From the list of new members of the S. M. S. for 1913, as given in the last number of the *BRYOLOGIST*, there was inadvertently omitted the name of Mr. Lowry Hagerman, the Middlesex School, Concord, Massachusetts.

Readers of the *BRYOLOGIST* will be interested to know that in December, 1913, Mrs. Annie Morrill Smith presented to the Brooklyn Botanic Garden her microscopes and botanical apparatus, and her herbarium of about twelve thousand specimens,—the work of the past eighteen years. The Garden will continue the open sets of exsiccati and anyone interested should hereafter address Dr. C. Stuart Gager, Botanic Garden, Brooklyn, New York.

There recently reached us the "First Circular" of the Fourth International Botanical Congress to be held in London, May 22–29, 1915. The unfinished work of the Brussels Congress in "(1) Nomenclature, and (2) Bibliography and Documentation" will be taken up in addition to other things and English will be the official language, if so desired the propositions to be made in English, French, and German. The General Secretary is Dr. A. B. Rendle, Dept. of Botany, British Museum of Natural History, London.

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